Closure of industries under Industrial Disputes Act in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

1290. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units, covered by Industrial Disputes Act, closed in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of workers affected by such closures during the said period; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to revive these industrial units of the States so that affected workers could be rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The statement below indicates the year-wise number of industrial units, covered by Industrial Disputes Act, closed and the number of workers affected in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the last three years.

No. of Industries closed and No. of workers affected

State	Year					
	2000		2001		2002	
	No. of closed Units	No. of workers affected	No. of Closed Units	No. of workers affected	No. of closed units	No. of workers affected
Andhra Pradesh	1	125	2	887	4	419
Tamil Nadu	18	3192	16	3958	14	2509

(c) Government of Andhra Pradesh ensures that statutory dues are paid to the workers by the concerned management in the event of the closure of industrial units.

Government of Tamil Nadu have constituted a committee for each district with Collector as the Chairman and the Labour Officer/Assistant Commissioner of Labour as Secretary to explore the possibilities of reopening the closed industrial establishments in the district and expedite payment of dues to the affected workmen, in case it is not possible to re-open any unit.